

REMARKS

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of this Amendment is requested. Claims 1-141 were pending in the application. Claims 50 and 53 have been amended, no claims have been canceled or newly added. Therefore claims 1-141 are pending in the present application with claims 1-53, 61, 66-70, and 140 submitted for consideration with the remaining claims being withdrawn from consideration.

This Amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

This Amendment changes the dependency of claims 50-53 to depend from claim 1 (and Group I). Accordingly, applicants request that claims 50-53 be examined together with the claims in elected Group I. In addition, claim 70 (in Group VI) and claim 140 (in Group VIII) should be examined together with Group I claims since these claims are directed to the software and system that implements the method of Group I claims and, as such, are not distinct from the claims in Group I and there should be no additional search burden on the examiner.

Receipt of an initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

If there are any questions regarding the application, the examiner is courteously invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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